



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/618,603 Confirmation No. : 5348
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Docket No. : 101249.52600US
Customer No. : 23911

Title : Plasma Processing Apparatus

Mail Stop AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect Species 8, Figure 9. Claims 14-17, 19-20, and 22- 27 are believed to be readable on this species. This election is made without prejudice to Applicant's right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of the remaining claims.

All formal matters having been attended to, an early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

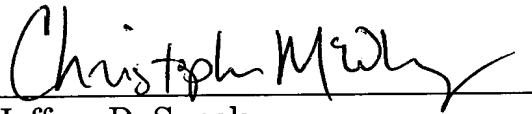
If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

Application No. 10/618,603
Response dated July 26, 2005
Responsive to Office Action dated May 26, 2005

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #101249.52600US).

July 26, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher McWhinney", written over a horizontal line.

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